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SUBJ: TERMS OF LOCAL PANCHAYAT MEMBERS EXTENDED

1. KING NOVEMBER 16 PROMULGATED AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF VILLAGE AND TOWN PANCHAYATS. THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR LOWER LEVEL PANCHAYAT MEMBERS WAS TO HAVE EXPIRED 16 NOVEMBER BUT THE NEW ORDINANCE WILL ALLOW CONTINUITY IN OFFICE HOLDERS UNTIL IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS.

2. COMMENT: RUMOR HAS IT THAT KING WILL USE OCCASION OF DEMOCRACY DAY SPEECH DECEMBER 16 TO ANNOUNCE CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND MAY ALSO INCLUDE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES IN NEPAL'S PRESENT GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION OF 14 ZONES AND 75 DISTRICTS. NO MATTER WHAT REFORMS ARE ANNOUNCED, AND NOBODY EXPECTS THEM AT THIS STAGE TO BE TOO FAR-REACHING, THEY WILL AFFECT TERMS OF OFFICE OF LOCAL, DISTRICT AND NATIONAL PANCHAYAT MEMBERS. CARGO

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